

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Springy Greetings!

My jonquils are up and cheery yellow, as are the crocuses. How 'bout you? Are there daffodils and primroses in your future? One thing for sure that you'll enjoy in your future is our program Monday, **March 26, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset Country Library, when our own **Doug Axmann** will be demonstrating in mixed media with acrylics and/or gouache, and even the airbrush. Doug will prepare his board with gesso, and adhere some rice paper for a nice texture to work on.

If you've seen Doug demonstrate, you'll know there are always surprises and great results. Come see him create something brand new! Doug is a member of the Graphic Artists Guild, the ASFA (Association of Science fiction and Fantasy Artists), RVAA, and the CCA (Center for Contemporary Art—Bedminster). He also taught at the Joe Kubert school for 14 years. He has had illustrations in *Amazing Stories Magazine*, and has illustrated several book covers and CD covers. **Hospitality** for March will be Mary Lou Guididas and RVAA thanks **Mary Lou** for this.

Exhibit Opportunity The Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services invites artists of **all ages** to submit photographs or slides of artwork to be considered for an exhibit to be held 4/20—6/20, 2012 at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center, 202 Mt. Airy Rd, Basking Ridge. Deadline for submitting is 4/5. A maximum of 5 photos (4" x 6") or slides may be sent to the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876. Include a list of artwork on a separate sheet of paper with name, address, phone number, title, dimensions, and media. A small percentage of sales will go to the Somerset County Nutrition Program to benefit senior center activities. For more info: Barbara Karpinski, Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services, 908/704-6346.

Many of you will remember Frank Zuccarelli; he has been our Lifetime Honorary Member who has always done a lot for art in this state and nationally. He often did pastel demos for RVAA. Frank passed away February 6th. During WWII he was a

marine in the South Pacific. Frank was named a "master pastelist" by the Pastel Society of America and was also a member of the Salmagundi Club, the American Artists Professional League, Allied Artists, and the Hudson Valley Art Association. His paintings have appeared in numerous publications and have been exhibited nationally as well as in Canada, France, Italy, Russia, and China. Frank did extensive work for the U.S. Navy Combat Art Collection in Washington, D.C., receiving the Louis E. Seley NACAL Gold Medal for outstanding achievement in oil painting as one of his many awards. He served as the official artist of the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1981. In November 1997, he was asked to visit China as part of an exchange of artists from the Pastel Society of America. Mr. Zuccarelli was a descendant of the 18th century artist Francisco Zuccarelli, one of the founding fathers of the British Royal Academy whose paintings now hang at the Windsor Castle and major museums in England and Italy. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Audrey Zuccarelli and his sister, Marietta Rodriguez and her husband.

MEMBER NEWS

LINDA LAM and three of her artist friends have an oil paintings art exhibition at the Farmstead, 450 King George Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ from March 4th - April 20th. One interesting thing is that they share the model and paint together. You will see different approaches for the same subject.

MARIA MOCH will be giving a watercolor workshop on 3/24 at the Tewksbury Library in Oldwick. There will be a children's session at 10 am and an adult session at 12 noon. The workshop is for beginners. It is free and all of the materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news.

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Happy Painting!
Diana